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Application Serial No. 10/026,964

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: UTILITY DISTRIBUTION  
SYSTEM

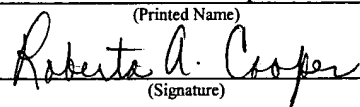
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ X ] Reply and Amendment (15 pages).

[ X ] Replacement Drawings (2 Sheets; Figures 7, 8, 11 and 12).

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	30	-	30	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	3	-	3	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
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CLAIMS FEE TOTAL									\$0.00

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
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CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such

extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to  
Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address  
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Respectfully submitted,

Date

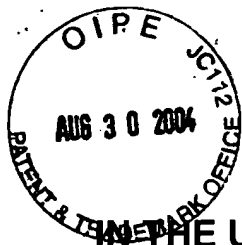
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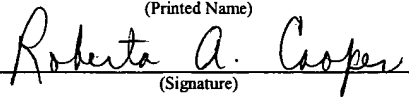
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action dated June 29, 2004, concerning the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes

Remarks begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: